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LORD KITCHENER GOES DOWN WITH CRUISER

THE BRITISH WAR MINISTER AND HIS STAFF LOSE LIVES ON TORPEDOED SHIP

Warship Hampshire, With England's War Chief Aboard, Was on Way to Russia, When She Was Sent to the Bottom of the Sea, Off the Orkney Islands North of Scotland, and Not a Survivor Was Rescued From Ship

London, June 6.—Lord Kitchener, minister of war, with his entire staff, was lost when the cruiser Hampshire was sunk by a German torpedo, or a mine, north of Scotland.

This announcement was officially made by the admiralty today.

The admiralty's statement indicated that the Hampshire was sunk off the Orkney Islands.

The admiralty stated that there is little hope that any of the members of Kitchener's staff survived. It was accepted as a fact that Kitchener himself was drowned.

According to official announcement made today the following were included in Earl Kitchener's party:

Lieutenant-Colonel Fitzgerald, Brigadier-General Ellershaw, Sir P. Frederick Donaldson, and H. J. O'Beirne, at one time counselor to the British embassy at Petrograd.

England's Greatest Loss

The news of England's greatest personal loss since the war, which has stunned all England, already hardened to shocks, was issued in the following formal bulletin:

"The admiralty reports with deep regret that the ship Hampshire, with Lord Kitchener and his staff on board, was sunk last night about 8 o'clock off the Orkney Islands, by a mine or a torpedo. Several boats were seen to leave the ship. Heavy seas were running, but patrol vessels at once proceeded to the scene. The whole shore has been searched from Sward, but it is greatly feared there is little hope for any survivors. No report has yet been received from the searching party on shore."

No Survivors Found

A later announcement from the admiralty said that the searching parties sent out in boats along the coast had found only bodies of the drowned and one capsized boat. There was still the faintest hope that possibly some might have reached shore and proceeded inland in search of aid. On account of the high sea, however, this was not considered likely and the admiralty did not encourage the hope of any survivors being found.

En Route to Russia

It was stated that the Hampshire was on her way to Russia, where Kitchener was to hold conferences with officials at Petrograd.

This has special significance in view of the general Russian offensive which is now practically under way along the 200-mile front from Pruth to Kolki. His trip, too, may have had a bearing on the advance of the Russians into Asia Minor.

The Hampshire was in command of Captain Herbert J. Saville. The report of the loss of the ship was telegraphed to the admiralty by Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, commander of the British home fleet.

The Hampshire was a British cruiser of the Argyll type. Her complement was 855 officers and men. She was 450 feet long and displaced 10,850 tons. Her armament was four 7.5-inch guns, six 6-inch guns and two torpedo tubes.

England's Foremost Soldier

Horatio Herbert Kitchener was England's foremost soldier, taking that distinction when Lord Roberts, "Little Bobs," died. He was born at Crofter House, Bally Longford, County Kerry, Ireland, June 24, 1850, son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel H. H. Kitchener, of Cosin-

ton, and Miss Chevalier, of Aspall Hall, Suffolk. He was educated at the Royal Military academy on the Woolwich. He entered the Royal Engineers in 1871. His progress thereafter was Palestine survey, 1874-1878; Cyprus survey, 1878-1882; commanded Egyptian cavalry, 1882-1884; Nile expedition, 1884-1885; governor of Suakin, 1886-1888; Dongola expeditionary force, 1890, promoted to major-general, K. C. B.; commanded Khartoum expedition, 1898, was given the thanks of parliament and raised to the peerage with a grant of £30,000; chief of staff of forces of South Africa in 1899-1900; commander in chief, 1900-1902; promoted to lieutenant-general and general, received viscounty with a grant of £50,000 and thanks of parliament; commander in chief in India, 1902-1909; member of committee of imperial defense in 1910.

At the beginning of the present war Kitchener was made minister of war; he held this position at the time of his death.

INTERPRETATION OF HUGHES ADDRESS

Washington, June 6.—Stay-at-home politicians and congressmen today interpreted the brief address of Justice Hughes before the graduating class of the National Cathedral school yesterday to suit their own hopes and beliefs.

Some declared the justice showed plainly that if the republican convention nominated on the first few ballots and without any hurly-burly-free-for-all, he would accept. They said his address, brief as it was and devoid of verbal pyrotechnics, will serve to hush Roosevelt rooters who have been declaring no one knows where Hughes stands, "even on the big issue of Americanism."

Others pointed out that Hughes agreed to speak at the exercises last fall to please his daughter, who is a member of the graduating class; that what he said would have been said by any other American, especially at this time. They argued that if Hughes had the remotest idea of accepting a platter-delivered nomination he purposely overlooked an opportunity to deliver a "spread-eagle" speech in presenting the United States flag to the graduate who stood highest in her class.

It became known today that, while Justice Hughes had his address typewritten and distributed among the pupils of the school, no special effort was made to gain publicity for it. The name of the justice did not appear on the printed program of the graduation exercises, although the pupils and instructors generally knew he was to speak. There was obviously no effort to let the newspapers know the justice would speak, although, on the other hand, no effort was made, apparently, to keep the matter secret.

The supply of printed copies was plentiful at the school, to which place all who wanted them were directed by Hughes' secretary.

TEN AMERICAN SOLDIERS KILLED BY MEXICANS

Marathon, Texas, June 6.—Ten American soldiers were killed and nine wounded in a battle with Mexican raiders near Glenn Springs in the Big Bend country of Texas, according to a courier reaching Marathon late today. Officers at the local base here are trying to get in touch with Glenn Springs.

A freighter, arriving late this afternoon, said Terlingua was attacked by a band of Mexicans. No details are available in Marathon. Parties of battle men have set out to aid the American settlements. They are headed straight south through the Big Bend country, hoping to meet refugees on the way to Marathon and learn from them the exact scene of the fighting. Terlingua is 50 miles west of Glenn Springs.

AMERICAN BASE WILL BE MOVED NORTHWARD

El Paso, June 6.—Namiquipa, the present southern base of the U. S. army in Mexico, will be abandoned before the end of June in favor of El Valle, according to reliable information here today. Three regiments are reported already moving northward.

FREIGHT TRAIN HITS AUTO AND KILLS THREE

Canton, Ohio, June 6.—Three persons were killed and four seriously injured today when a Pennsylvania freight train crashed into an automobile here. The machine was caught on the pilot and carried 700 feet.

ROOSEVELT OR NO ONE SAYS HEAD OF THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY

Chicago, June 6.—George W. Perkins, in a statement to progressive delegates today, issued a flat ultimatum that it is Roosevelt or no one for the presidential nomination, so far as the progressives are concerned. "We have no second choice," he said. "Go to it," Perkins' statement concluded.

Coming on the heels of the meeting of the progressive insurgents, called by the Mississippi delegation last night, the statement of Perkins created a distinct stir.

Perkins' statement follows: "Let me remind you that we are not here for the avowed purpose of being against somebody. We are here for somebody, and that somebody is Theodore Roosevelt. I urge you to bear this in mind in all of your conversations, with whomsoever you talk, while in Chicago. The process of tearing down men and things in this country should stop. It is time to be for somebody, for something, and to build up. We have not got it in for anybody or anything. We are out for a matchless man, and an incomparable cause.

"You know that no one else has such a man, and that he is the cause. Therefore, we have no second choice.

NEARLY 100 LOSE LIVES IN CYCLONE

Six Hundred Homes Destroyed by Storm That Sweeps the Southern States and Leaves a Trail of Death Behind

Little Rock, Ark., June 6.—That nearly 100 persons were killed in a cyclone which swept through eastern and northern Arkansas late yesterday and more than 200 were injured, is confirmed today by additional reports from the stricken areas.

The property loss is estimated at more than \$500,000.

About 600 houses were destroyed. The cyclone devastated an area nearly one mile wide and 150 miles long, sweeping the southwestern part of the state to the northern part between Missouri and Arkansas.

Not a house was left standing in the storm's path: Eight were killed and 80 injured in Jackson, Miss., and vicinity.

Wynne, Ark., June 6.—Reports received here today from sections within fifty miles indicate more than 80 persons are dead, fully a thousand injured, and property valued at \$1,500,000 destroyed by a tornado that swept part of Arkansas near here, traveling from the southwest towards the northeast.

Memphis, Tenn., June 6.—Forty-nine persons were killed in a tornado that swept through Arkansas and Mississippi last night, according to reports here today. Thousands of dollars property damage was done and hundreds of persons were injured.

Rescue parties sent to interior points have been unable to report because of the storm.

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GREAT DRIVE OF CZAR'S TROOPS IS NOW UNDER WAY

London, June 6.—The great drive of the czar against the Austrian lines along the 200-mile front from Pruth to Kolki is believed under way. The czar's plan is designed, it is believed, to hit the Austrian forces with equal vigor all along the line.

The attack has been in preliminary preparation all through the winter months, in the gathering of great quantities of munitions and in actual preparation in the last several days by general artillery offensives. These are announced by the Russians and admitted by the Austrians.

In the several heavy infantry rushes already made in the Tarnopol region the Russians have taken many prisoners and some Austrian supplies.

KITCHENER'S LOSS SHOCKS ENGLAND

London, June 6.—Public consternation and amazement today followed the announcement that Lord Kitchener and his staff were sent to their deaths by a mine or torpedo which blew up the cruiser Hampshire off the Orkney Islands.

Crowds gathered in Whitehall about the post office, seeking further details, following the formal announcement of the loss of "K. of K." The flag on the war office was at half-mast and the blinds of the office were drawn. The crowd received no further information and the air of the officials indicated clearly that they held no hope that Kitchener might have escaped.

Surprise was expressed that a cruiser bearing the minister of war could have been destroyed by a German torpedo or by a mine. It is probable that the question whether the cruiser had an escort and whether she was provided with any protection against submarines will be put direct to the government.

Many comments were heard in the crowd about the war office. Many remarked that it "was lucky it did not happen before conscription became effective." They referred to the great power of Kitchener in his name, which stimulated voluntary recruiting.

CHICAGO CONVENTION TICKETS SELL AT \$250

Chicago, June 6.—Crowds that took many policemen to control surged into the offices of Sergeant-at-Arms William Stone at the Coliseum today, trying to get convention tickets. Stone said the demand for tickets is unprecedented and he has been managing republican conventions for a score of years. Reports were in circulation that tickets to all sessions of the convention have been sold for \$250.

Only a small percentage of Chicago's visitors will be able to get in to the convention hall.

That is the sentiment of most of our delegates."

Murdock said all he could figure from Hughes' speech was that "Hughes is the last one to come out for the flag, and now everybody's out."

The progressives seized upon reports of the loss of Lord Kitchener and his staff on a torpedoed warship as further necessity for naming a "strong man, Roosevelt" in Chicago. Perkins issued a statement along these lines, saying the world was rapidly approaching a cataclysm that must be prevented by the American people.

PRESIDENT OF CHINA DEAD AT PEKIN

Yuan Shi Kai Is Believed the Victim of Slow Poison Administered by His Enemies, Death Occurring Monday

Washington, June 6.—The state department today received an official report that Yuan Shi Kai is dead.

The cable which contained the notification was sent in code by the American minister at Peking.

London, June 6.—Yuan Shi Kai died yesterday, a Reuter dispatch from Shanghai stated.

San Francisco, June 6.—Japanese newspapers recently received from China contain stories of rumors that Yuan Shi Kai's illness was the result of slow poison administered by enemies who had sent emissaries to the palace.

Observers of Chinese affairs here were of the opinion that his death, if the report is true, would result in new uprisings in southern China. The lack of a strong man to take Yuan Shi Kai's place, it was believed, would cause the revolutionary situation to become even more serious.

San Francisco, June 6.—San Francisco's Chinatown rejoiced today over news of the death of Yuan Shi Kai. Tea parties were held and flags hung out from the homes and stores of republicans. The office of the Chinese Republic association, which has financed to a large extent the revolutionary activities against Yuan, declared his death would end the present revolution in China.

Lian Hung, vice-president, was declared to be a good republican and acceptable to the rebels as Yuan's successor.

Robert Park, editor of the China World, said:

"Yuan's death means the end of the revolution in China. The country will again be re-united. Its government will return to the liberal republican form. Yuan's administration was regarded more or less as a dictatorship, like that of Huerta in Mexico."

The general impression prevails in Chinatown that Yuan did not die a natural death. It has been common gossip for months that the rebels were seeking his death, either in the open field with his armies or in his palace by other and more subtle means.

NO WILL LEFT BY RAILWAY MAGNATE

St. Paul, June 6.—James J. Hill left no will and his son L. W. Hill, is to be head of his vast fortunes. This became apparent today when Mary T. Hill, the emigre builder's widow, filed in the circuit court a petition to have L. W. Hill appointed administrator, and stating James J. Hill left no will. The statement values Hill's personal property at \$10,000,000 and his real property at \$250,000.

The disposition of the Hill fortunes, rated much larger, was thought to have been made before the magnate's death, thus avoiding an inheritance tax.